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## Scout reports

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### Black History Month

Fort Huachuca celebrates African American/Black History Month, "The Souls of Black Folk: Centennial Reflections," Feb. 21 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at LaHacienda.

The event will feature African American poet, storyteller, world historian and writer Trueeda Mikell, from Oakland, Calif.

The event will have food samplings, cultural exhibits, entertainment, and storytelling. The cost is \$5 per person.

Tickets can be purchased from: Post Equal Opportunity Advisor, 533-0505/3696; 112th Military Intelligence Brigade EOA, 538-0533; 111th MIBde. EOA 533-3672; 11th Signal Brigade EOA 533-5502 and U.S. Army Network Enterprise and Technology/9th Army Signal Command EOA, 538-0909.

### Scout food drive

The Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boy scouts of Fort Huachuca will be out on Saturday collecting food for their "Scouting for Food" food drive.

This is part of National Scout Week. All food collected will be donated to the local food bank.

Early Saturday morning the Scouts will place a plastic bag and flyer on the doorstep of each set of quarters on post.

Residents are asked to place their donations in the bag and set it on their doorstep for pick-up.

The Scouts will return in the early afternoon and collect the donations.

For further information please contact David Tyler at 533-6603/458-5712 or Matthew Miller at 538-7271/458-9642.

### Commissary schedule

The Commissary will be open on the Feb. 18 after Presidents Day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, call Judy Mendez at 533-5540, extension, 3101.

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## Effluent reuse project keeps fort's ground water usage low

BY SGT. 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS  
DONALD SPARKS  
NCOIC, USAIC&FH PAO

Stretched like huge tubing of black licorice, drivers on the installation have noticed since early December black pipe along certain roadways.

The tubing is being used for sewer lines as part of the effluent reuse project spearheaded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Directorate of Installation Support.

According to Michael Berg, acting chief, Engineering, Plans and Services Division, 2002 was the first calendar year the fort saw reductions in the water usage every month throughout the year.

"Usually every year, there is a one or two month rise in the use," Berg said. "But last year was the first year that we saw a continued downward spiral on the amount of water used."

Berg expects the effluent

reuse project to continue the trend of low water usage.

"The idea of effluent reuse is not about saving money, but saving valuable groundwater," said Tom Runyon, project manager, ACE. "Every place you're able to use effluent instead of ground water for irrigating grass, you're saving that much water being pumped from the aquifer. That's a huge emphasis here because we want to reduce the amount of ground water we're utilizing."

Treated effluent is the end product in the treatment wastewater by a sewage treatment plant.

Effluent from wastewater treatment plants can be a valuable resource.

The reuse of effluent can play a role in reducing the de-



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

**The effluent reuse project, pictured at the Hatfield and Irwin Roads intersection, will decrease water usage at the parade and recreation fields.**

mand for potable water, which could otherwise be used for domestic or industrial.

Some examples of effluent reuse are the watering of golf

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## DoD increases child care fees

**Fort Huachuca's Child Development Center in compliance with new fees for parents**

BY STAFF SGT.  
SHARRON STEWART  
NEWS EDITOR

Despite the fact that in January childcare and school age services fees throughout the Department of Defense went up, the scheduled fee increase did not go into effect for Fort Huachuca until Feb. 1.

The last DoD fee increase was October 2001. Some patrons will find that their fees have gone down.

In the past the Category 1 income bracket was \$23,000 a year, but the Category 1 requirement has been raised to \$28,000 in annual yearly income.

If more families fall under the Category 1 guidelines they will be eligible to paylower

fees.

DoD also readjusted the way Basic Allowance for Quarters for a dual military couple is taken into consideration.

Only the senior servicemember's BAQ will be used to determine total family income.

Heidi Malarchik, director of Fort Huachuca's New Beginnings Child Development Center, said parent fees pay for non-appropriated funding costs such as labor.

On post an entry-level, fully-trained caregiver earns \$10.59 per hour.

"One of the things that we take pride in is that we pay a fair wage to our caregivers," Malarchik said. "In certain areas some are lucky to make even a dollar above minimum wage."

The majority of childcare

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Courtesy photo

**A flock of Gould's wild turkeys make their way across a path. The fort was awarded an environmental award for fostering the bird's reintroduction into southeastern Arizona.**

## Gould's wild turkey make comeback

**Environmental strides garners fort national recognition**

U.S. ARMY  
ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER  
RELEASE

Bringing the Gould's wild turkey back to its historic habitat in the United States for the first time in over a century is one of the triumphs that just landed Fort Huachuca and the U.S. Army Intelligence Center the Army's highest honor for environmental stewardship.

The Department of the Army on Jan. 22 announced that Fort Huachuca won the Secretary of the Army Environmental Award for Natural Resources Conservation for 2002.

At Fort Huachuca, the Army manages 73,142 acres of land in support of military

training and for public recreation.

Located in the Huachuca Mountains between the Miller Peak Wilderness Area and the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area, this land contains some of the most pristine and biologically diverse terrain in the country.

To maintain the beauty and integrity of this sensitive, high-desert environment, natural resources staff at the fort have established many programs to protect endangered species, restore land, conserve water and reduce forest fire risks.

One of these programs, the Gould's Turkey Management and Restoration Plan for southeastern Arizona, successfully reintroduced the bird to a portion of its historic habitat.

Although plentiful in Mexico, Gould's wild turkeys have generally been absent from historic habitat in south-

eastern Arizona for more than a century.

The fort also supports research for western box turtles, lesser long-nosed bats, Mexican spotted owls, and agave.

Additional accomplishments that earned Fort Huachuca its award include:

- initiating the first deer hunt for disabled hunters in Arizona,
- discovering rare barking frog populations on the installation,
- reducing water use by nearly 50 percent since 1993 through water conservation and reuse,
- replacing nearly 2,500 high-water-use fixtures with low-flow models (approximately 2,000 showerheads, 200-plus waterless urinals, 280 horizontal-axis washing machines and aerating faucets and Purell dispensers),
- lowering pesticide use by

64 percent in the last three years, and

- establishing an Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan that incorporates cooperative agreements with The Nature Conservancy, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service and the University of Arizona.

A panel of non-military and Army experts, including representatives from The Nature Conservancy and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, judged competitors for the Natural Resources Conservation award.

"Fort Huachuca has developed a comprehensive effort to protect world-class biodiversity, especially through water conservation, groundwater recharge and the use of conservation easements to re-

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## DPS to issue auto decals to personnel living in family housing

DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC  
SAFETY RELEASE

The Directorate of Public Safety will begin issuing vehicle decals to all personnel assigned to family housing on Fort Huachuca.

A maximum of two decals will be issued to each family. The purpose of the decal is to ensure gate access personnel can identify persons in family housing, regardless of the force protection condition, and allow them entry on the installation.

According to the Director of Public Safety, Maj. Dan Ortega, "we realized from past experience that increased force protection conditions may cause undue hardships on family members who live on post, through no fault of their own, because some of them could not get to their homes. This decal will help us identify those personnel."

DPS urges personnel to ensure the security of the installation by removing all decals when selling your vehicle or replace the windshield.

If the decal(s) is not completely destroyed, return it to the vehicle registration office for replacement.

The schedule below lists the dates and times, in alphabetical order by last name, that senior family housing occupants or their spouse can sign for their decals.

An active duty or family member Department of De-

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# Proclamation

African Americans have played central roles in some of the most triumphant and courageous moments in our Nation’s history. During National African American History Month, we honor the rich heritage of African Americans and pay tribute to their many contributions to our Nation.

As we celebrate this year’s theme, “The Souls of Black Folk: Centennial Reflections,” we remember the successes and challenges of our past. We also resolve to honor the achievements and legacy of these proud citizens by continuing to improve our society so that it fully lives up to our founding ideals.

In 1915, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson recognized the need for our country to gain a more complete and informed understanding of our past. He founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History and established the first Negro History Week to emphasize that “We have a wonderful history behind us. . . .” Through the pioneering efforts of Dr. Woodson and the hard work of the Association, this observance officially became Black History Month in 1976.

For generations, African Americans have strengthened our Nation by urging reforms, overcoming obstacles, and breaking down barriers. We see the greatness of America in those who have risen above injustice and enriched our society, a greatness reflected in the resolve of Jackie Robinson, the intellect of W.E.B. DuBois, and the talent of Louis Armstrong. We also gain a deeper appreciation for the African American experience in the writings of James Baldwin, Ralph Ellison, and Zora Neal Hurston, as well as in the music of Mahalia Jackson, Billie Holiday, Duke Ellington, and countless others.

African Americans reflect a proud legacy of courage and dedication that has helped to guide our Nation’s success and prosperity. Visionary leaders like Frederick Douglass, Thurgood Marshall, and Martin Luther King, Jr., possessed a clarity of purpose and were instrumental in exposing and addressing the issues that threatened our founding principles. The battle for freedom, equality, and opportunity was fought on the front lines by strong figures such as Harriet Tubman and Fannie Lou Hamer, as well as many other everyday heroes who helped to lead this Nation to a more hopeful and just society.

As we recall these remarkable individuals, we also recognize that, despite our progress, racial prejudice still exists in America. As a Nation and as individuals, we must be vigilant in responding to discrimination wherever we find it. By promoting diversity, understanding, and opportunity, we will continue our efforts to build a society where every person, of every race, can realize the promise of America.

This month, I encourage all citizens to gain awareness of and appreciation for African-American history. As we remember this important part of our Nation’s past, we look to a bright future, recognizing the potential of an America united in purpose, guided by spirit, and dedicated to equality now, therefore, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim February 2003 as National African American History Month. I call upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all of the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities that highlight and honor the myriad of contributions that African Americans have made to our Nation.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtyfirst day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twentyseventh.

*President of the United States,  
George W. Bush*



# The Soldiers’ Lawyer

## But I was TDY!


We all like to think that we are good drivers at all times, especially when we are away on temporary duty. We drive our personal vehicles each day to and from work and at times tasked to drive a government vehicle. Perhaps while on TDY you may have to rent a vehicle to accomplish your government business. You may be involved in a vehicular accident while on TDY or your rental vehicle may be damaged without your knowledge.

What coverage do I need to rent a car? For continental United States rentals, the rental company is required to be self-insured for most insurance coverage. Rental agents should know to tell you that the collision damage waiver or other insurance is not required. For outside continental United States rentals, follow the guidance of

your chain of command - some insurance coverage may be required.

Why wouldn’t I be covered if something happened to the rental vehicle? Government travel card will cover all damages if the following criteria are met. The GTC covers all damages (physical damage to and theft of the vehicle, valid loss-of-use charges, and towing charges) providing, the renter initiated and completed the transaction on his/her government GTC, declined the car rental company’s collision damage waiver (CDW/LDW or similar coverage), the vehicle was not rented for more than 31 days and the vehicle is a passenger automobile, minivan, or sport utility, and was not rented in Israel, Jamaica, or Ireland.

What do I do if I have an accident? If you get into an accident, notify local law enforcement immediately and arrange to get an ac-



**CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) DENNIS R. NITSCHKE**  
NETCOM, DEPUTY COMMAND CHAPLAIN

*“...there is a place at which God and the cosmic reality are reconciled, a place at which God and Man have become one.” - Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Tragic events pull Americans together. Such was the case of the shuttle, Columbia, explosion. “We” have our thoughts about why it happened, but the investigation will probably take months to sort out the details. Ours is not now to know the why, but to deal with the what within the tragedy.

What does it mean for the United States as a people, and more closely, what does it mean for me (each individual) as I go daily through life?

As a people, the good that Columbia brought to us is that we crossed ethnic, age, educational, vocational, and sexual boundaries and joined together in our grief and dismay. We also came together in understanding that what we saw as routine shuttle flights are again no longer routine. We again saw the frailty of our creations as we watched the ball of fire fall from the sky. We witnessed people searching for answers on the ground for answers in our hearts. We also realized our tenacious nature and we will correct what needs correction and move on in life.

As individuals we struggle more with such tragedy. One of my first thoughts at such events is, “Wasn’t it routine?” Things like this shouldn’t happen. But they do. When I was a child, I would be awake at “O-dark-thirty” in order to watch the first astronauts launch into space. The “Eagle has landed,” was a great moment for my father and me. Then the shuttles came along and became old hat. Until the Challenger and now the Columbia. Routine isn’t part of the shuttle program anymore.

Another thought was “How is God involved in all of this?” People of many faiths were on television speaking of remembering the members of the crew - but also speaking of the meaning of life as we, the survivors, move on. I believe God is involved in this in the same manner Dietrich Bonhoeffer states, “...There is a place at which God and the cosmic reality are reconciled, a place at which God and man have become one.” He further states, “This place does not lie somewhere out beyond reality in the realm of ideas. It lies in the midst of history as a divine miracle.” The world will continue to spin until it’s end, but until then, God cares for each of us and reconciles us (makes us right) through His activity in our lives. We feel pain and loss, particularly family members of the Columbia crew, but in time, God’s time which we come to know as history, the pain and loss will lessen and joy will enter our hearts - with the imprint of the past pain and loss empowering us to deal with the world’s problems again in the future. That, my friends, is a divine miracle: to face tragedy, deal with the pain, grow from the experience and move on to live another day. How is God involved in all of this? Totally. He walks with us every moment of every day.

So, we grieve; yet give thanks for those lost. Like our president said, “The crew of the shuttle Columbia did not return safely to earth, yet we can pray that all are safely home.” May we remember them and learn that nothing in life is routine. May we also move on and live fully caring for ourselves and others in our part of creation.

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# Scout on the Street



*I’ve heard many bad things about TRICARE in the past, but this last incident was the worst. TRICARE should pay for the fees some credit agencies charge to watch your credit.*

**Sgt. Patricia Zephirin,**  
Headquarters and Headquarters Company,  
United States Army Garrison



*I don’t put anything in the trash that has any of my information on it and that could potentially exploit my identity.*

**Staff Sgt. Gavin Mitchell,**  
Southeastern Army Resource Intelligence Support Center



*I don’t do anything for information security; I know I should, but I just don’t worry about it.*

**Sgt. Richard Maldonado,**  
305th Military Intelligence Battalion



*I shred anything and everything with my information on it.*

**Sgt. William Reynolds,**  
309th MI Bn.



*I shred my bills; I am real aware of things like that. I have a different password for everything on my computer.*

**Pvt. Natalie Smith,**  
Dental Activity



*I shred anything that has my name on it; anything that a person could match my information with, it’s gone.*

**Sgt. 1st Class Terrence Barnes,**  
305th MI Bn.

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## What methods are you taking to protect yourself from identity theft?



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# World War II cartoonist honored by Pvt. Murphy

BY SGT. 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS DONALD SPARKS  
NCOIC, USAIC&FH PAO

When Bill Mauldin died Jan. 22 the soldiers of this generation probably didn’t know the significance of his death, much less who the war-time cartoonist was.

However for the men who served in the trenches in Europe during World War II, it was a great loss because Mauldin told their stories through his famed Willie and Joe characters.

The loss of Mauldin was felt also by Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Mark Baker, creator of the Pvt. Murphy cartoon series and in tribute to the Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist, Baker paid homage to Mauldin through art.

“Actually I heard beforehand that he was ill, but I didn’t realize how grave the situation was,” Baker said. “It’s sad because a lot of these World War II veterans are dying every day.”

Although many of Baker’s fans compare his work to Mort Walker, the creator of Beetle Bailey, Baker mentioned Mauldin was his inspiration to draw his cartoons.

“To me Beetle Bailey doesn’t have anything to do with the Army as we know it,” Baker said. “Bill Mauldin was an enlisted soldier and his characters, Willie and Joe, told the perspective of the everyday soldier who got his boots dirty.”

Willie and Joe were the muddy,



Sgt. 1st Class Mark Baker’s pays homage to Bill Mauldin with his Pvt. Murphy cartoon.

weary “dogfaces” who portrayed the drabness of the foot soldiers life and for Baker, “That’s why I tried to follow in Mauldin’s footsteps as a cartoonist.”

Baker said he saw Mauldin’s work for the first time on a poster when he was a private and he once wrote a report on the cartoonist for school.

In 1945, at age 23, Mauldin’s series “Up Front With Mauldin” won him the first of his two Pulitzer Prizes for editorial cartooning.

Mauldin enlisted in 1940 and, assigned as a rifleman to the 180th Infantry, started drawing cartoons depicting training camp for the *Division News*, the newspaper for the 45th Division.

Once Mauldin’s 45th Division shipped overseas, *Stars and Stripes*, the service-wide newspaper, began publishing his drawings.

At times Mauldin’s cartoons were despised by conservative brass as disrespectful, but the common soldier loved him – something that Baker

can relate too.

“Patton wanted to shut Mauldin down and not run his cartoons in Stars and Stripes, but Eisenhower stopped him from doing it,” Baker said. “If any post newspaper doesn’t want to run my cartoon, it’s gone. As soon as I do a cartoon that rub the leadership the wrong way, the newspaper will no longer run it.”

Baker labels Mauldin as the greatest military cartoonist of all time and someone he emulates.

“I would have love to have met him,” Baker said. “I’ve met Mort Walker, but it would have been very special to meet Bill Mauldin.

“What he was doing with his characters is what I wanted to do with my cartoons. I’m just in a different era.”

Regardless the era, Mauldin’s cartoons remain a reminder for Americans how to understand war.

As for Baker, he awaits the opportunity to take Pvt. Murphy into the trenches – just as the man he admired – but only in his own way.

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courses and parks and the irrigation of crops.

Runyon mentioned in many cities throughout Arizona, such as Tucson, treated effluent is used to water golf courses. The fort’s golf course has been irrigated with treated effluent since the 1970’s, but now they’re expanding effluent distribution lines to bring effluent to more areas in need such as the parade and ball fields.

“Every bit of effluent we’re able to use in irrigating our parade and ball fields will be that much less groundwater we use,” Runyon said.

The \$5 million project is currently in its second phase and is scheduled for completion in July. During phase one, the Corps of Engineers constructed recharge basins and flooded them with treated effluent.

Groundwater recharge is increased by a recharge system, which replaces water that is pumped from wells.

Upgrades and repairs were also

made at the wastewater treatment plant to make it more efficient and able to produce effluent of a quality required to meet specific state guidelines concerning the quality of effluent.

The project also replaced and repaired deteriorated sewer lines in areas near Libby Army Airfield and LaHacienda.

“Those repairs were aimed at preventing the loss of untreated wastewater from the sewage conveyance system into the surrounding soil thus, increasing flow to the waste plant,” Runyon added.

Berg emphasized it is important for families in the housing areas to not allow their children to play near the black pipes and to avoid the construction sites when workers are present.

“For obvious safety reasons, we’re asking family members to avoid the construction sites and to keep children away from those sites,” Berg said.

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fense identification card will be required.

Please call the vehicle registration office at 533-1840 for questions.

Quarters decal issue schedule Alphabetical order by last name QUARTERS ‘Q’ DECALS		
Monday	A thru C	9-11 a.m./2-3:30 p.m.
Tuesday	D thru F	9-11 a.m./2-3:30 p.m.
Wednesday	G thru I	9-11 a.m./2-3:30 p.m.
Feb. 13	J thru L	9-11 a.m./2-3:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	M thru O	9-11 a.m./2-3:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	P thru R	9-11 a.m./2-3:30 p.m.
Feb. 20	S thru U	9-11 a.m./2-3:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	V thru Z	9-11 a.m./2-3:30 p.m.
Feb. 24	Make up day	9-11 a.m./2-3:30 p.m.
Feb. 25	Make up day	9-11 a.m./2-3:30 p.m.
Feb. 26	Make up day	9-11 a.m./2-3:30 p.m.
Feb. 27	Make up day	9-11 a.m./2-3:30 p.m.
Feb. 28	Make up day	9-11 a.m./2-3:30 p.m.

# Teens hold AFAP ‘Teen Panel’ on their own needs, quality of life

AFAPRELEASE

Teenagers will have an opportunity this year participate in their own Army Family Action Plan Teen Panel set for March 12-13 at the Main Post Chapel .

The Army Teen Panel is an opportunity for teens to voice opinions, concerns and solutions to teen issues effecting local and worldwide military affiliated family members. The program allows teens the opportunity to influence his/her own quality of life within the community.

Work groups will be established in four age groups. A total of 20 students, grades seven through 12, will be selected as delegates for the Army Teen Panel. Selection will serve as the student’s excused absence from school on those two days.

Delegates will also be responsible for their own transportation to and from the Main Post Chapel on March 12 and 13.

Teen panels are held annually at Army installations and communities throughout the world. Sons and daughters of active duty military sponsors (any branch of service) or Department of Army civilians represent America’s military teens to identify, develop and prioritize community/installation quality of life issues.

Research shows 80 percent of issues raised are resolved at the local level. Fort Huachuca’s 2002 Army Teen Panel resulted in several issues resolved locally.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Teens Taylor Hinson, left, and Karena Golden will benefit from the establishment of a high school teen center identified as a quality of life issue by the Fort Huachuca Teen Council.

Three issues identified by the High School Group, included:

### Establish a high school teen center

A building will be designated as Middle School and Teen Center. A Senior Teen Lounge, computer lab and homework center will be open. Teen Council will have input and

decision making on the events, activities and programs at the center.

### Establish a teen employment panel/summer hire program

The Directorate of Community Activities Non Appropriated Funds Human Resources Office advertises summer hire positions for

teens. Teens are now employed by the DCA (NAF) in various activities. Officials will work with city of Sierra Vista schools to advertise / promote teen employment.

### Improve overall communication with Buena High School

The website is being revamped and the Assistant Principal Column will be in the *Sierra Vista Herald*. The principal will establish communication systems and facilitate students and council to express their concerns.

The Middle School Group identified the following issues:

### Offer a variety of cafeteria food

Beginning next year a second cafeteria line will offer new items.

### Improve routes for shuttle bus, increase hours and access to various MWR activities

Shuttle bus routes have been improved. The skate park has reopened. New swimming pool equipment has been purchased.

### Increase variety and lower costs for teen activities

Discounts are available for registered Child & Youth Services members. Computer games are now available. Direct TV is now the new cable system at the Youth Services building.

To register for the Army Teen Panel, pick up a registration form at the Student Services and Attendance office or call the Army Family Action Plan program coordinator at 533-3686.

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fees are covered by appropriated funding which is mandated by Congress.

Because some families in Categories 1 and 2 are eligible to partici-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sharron Stewart

Sgt. Melinda Moya, United States Army Garrison pays the new childcare fees that went into effect at the beginning of the month.

pate in the Department of Economic Subsidy program which uses total family income combined with the number of people in the family, they only have to pay \$1-3 a day for child care.

“Because we participate in that program we able to help lower income families that have more than one child,” Marlarchik said.

She went on to say in addition to the fees being utilized to provide caregivers with benefits, the center provides the children with three meals a day and infant formula.

“Some of those costs are subsidized by the United States Department of Agriculture and the Arizona Department of Education,” Marlarchik said.

She noted that the cost of training the staff and of doing background checks comes will be put to use with money from the fee increase.

“Those things cost money but they also help to ensure quality care,” Malarchik said. “Parent fees

don’t pay for the overhead staff, they’re paid for by appropriated funds.”

Malarchik noted that in addition to New Beginnings having a staff trained in CPR and other life saving skills, the center also has the distinction of being accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children since 1991.

What you get for your childcare dollars:

- Up to 44 meals per child per month.
- Up to 22 snacks per child a month
- Child care for up to 12 hours a day, 22 days a month, 260 hours a month.

Even if a servicemember pays up to \$485 for childcare, broken down they pay \$107 per week and \$1.78 an hour.

The average full day fee is \$356 a month. Servicemembers are also granted a 10 percent multiple child reduction rate.

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“Fort Huachuca has developed a comprehensive effort to protect world-class biodiversity.

William Millan,  
Army liason for The Nature Conservancy

duce water usage,” said judging panel member William Millan, a senior policy advisory and Army liaison for The Nature Conservancy. “It is a good example of public-private partnerships that get the job of conservation done while accomplishing the military mission.”

As an award winner, Fort Huachuca stands out as a leading example of how the Army cares for the soil, water and air on the 16.7 million acres of land it manages while it trains and prepares America’s soldiers to fight the global war on terrorism.

Environmental stewardship plays an important role in the Army’s readiness mission. Fort Huachuca is

one of eight 2002 Secretary of the Army Environmental Award winners.

Each year, Army environmental professionals from around the world compete for recognition in the categories of natural resources conservation, cultural resources management, environmental quality, pollution prevention and environmental restoration.

A special awards ceremony will honor the fort, along with other Army winners, during the Garrison Commanders’ Conference on March 18 at the Marriott City Center in Charlotte, N.C.

The winners then go on to participate in the Department of Defense’s Environmental Awards competition.



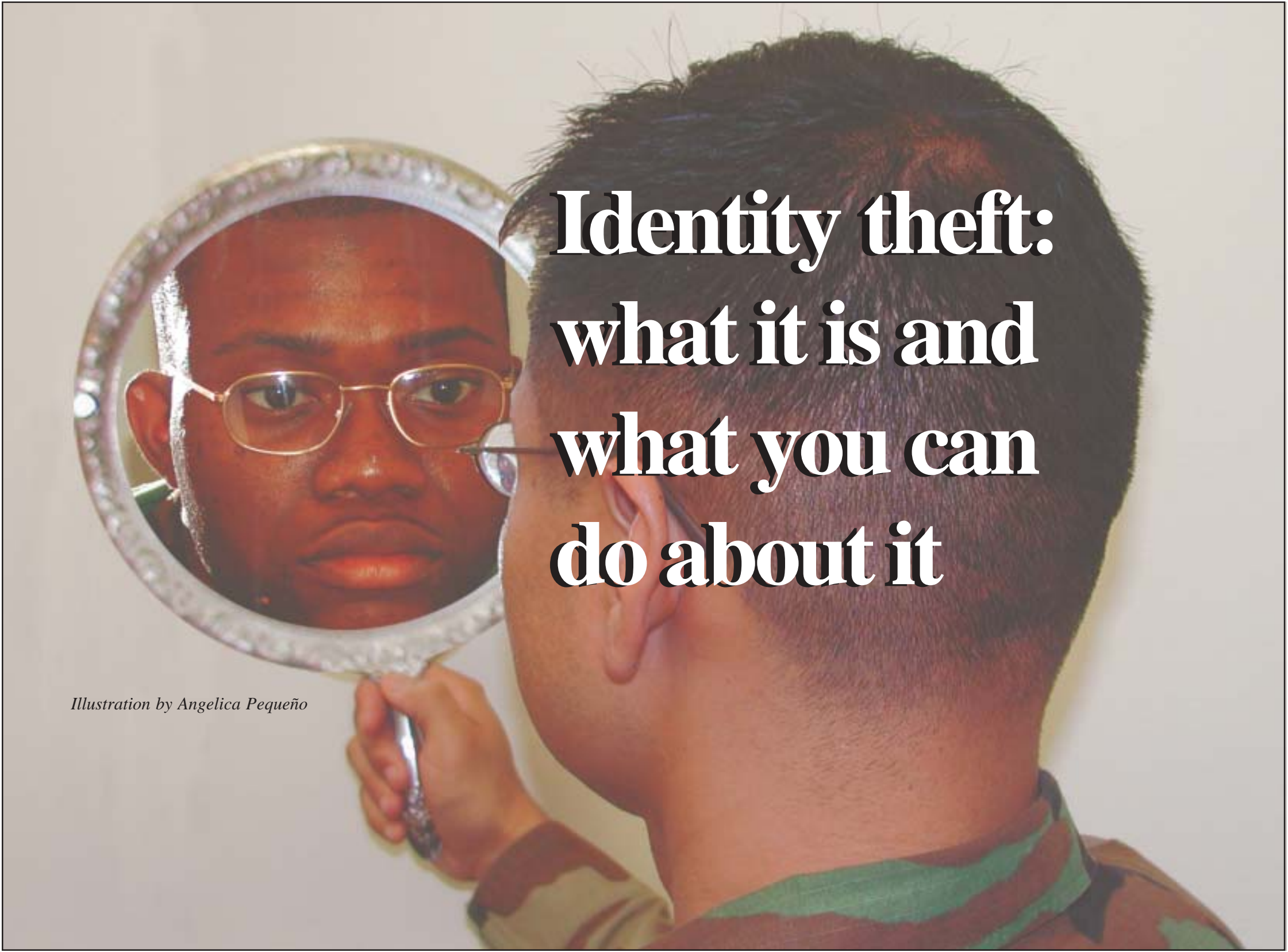


Illustration by Angelica Pequeño

BY SGT. 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS DONALD SPARKS  
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After burglars stole computers containing confidential personal records from the TriWest Healthcare Alliance, the concern for identity theft hit home for the soldiers, family members and retirees of the Fort Huachuca community.

“If people never worried about their credit report or identity theft in the past, now is the time to start doing so,” said Leigh Henderson, consumer affairs and financial assistance program manager at Army Community Services. “For some reason we don’t look at our credit report, especially if we’re still getting credit.”

Henderson mentioned identity theft has been going on for quite some time in the country. Compelling the matter, Arizona has the sixth-highest prevalence of identity theft per capita.

Identity theft involves any instance where a person uses someone else’s identification documents or other identifiers in order to impersonate that person for whatever reason – mostly fraudulent. According to the FBI, identity theft affects 900,000 new victims each year.

In most cases identity theft is used to commit:

- Financial fraud – this type of identity theft includes bank fraud, credit card fraud, computer and telecommunications fraud, tax refund fraud and several other types.

- Criminal activities – this type of identity theft fraud involves taking on someone else’s identity in order to commit a crime, enter a county illegally, get special permits or commit acts of terrorism.

Henderson stated identity thieves are often crafty how they lure victims and obtaining personal information.

She said they might offer a vacation trip to an exotic location and all the unsuspecting person has to do is provide their social security or credit card number.

“I don’t understand how anyone can give their personal information over the phone if they don’t initiate the call,” Henderson said. “Only if you initiate the call should you give your in-

**The Credit Bureaus**

**Equifax** Credit Information Services – Consumer Fraud Division  
P.O. Box 105496  
Atlanta, Ga. 30348-5496  
Tel: (800) 997-2493  
[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

**Experian**  
P.O. Box 2104  
Allen, Texas 75013-2104  
Tel: (888) EXPERIAN (397-3742)  
[www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

**TransUnion** Fraud Victim Assistance Department  
P.O. Box 390  
Springfield, Pa. 19064-0390  
Tel: (800) 680-7289  
[www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

formation, even your date of birth.”

She recalled years ago when thieves were paying lots of dollars for social security numbers. She added that today thieves no longer have to break in someone’s home to steal cards when they can get information off the internet.

“This is big business,” Henderson said. “This is how these thieves live by profiting from someone else’s good name. And today the internet make everything much more accessible.”

**How to protect yourself**

Some things to protect against identity theft include:

- Don’t give out your Social Security number unless it is absolutely necessary.
- Destroy any unwanted credit card offers. If you don’t want the three major credit bureaus to sell your name to these companies, you can “opt out” by either writing to the bureaus or by calling 1-888-5OPTOUT (567-8688).
- Don’t put any other information besides your name and address on checks.
- Don’t carry your Social Security Card, passport, or birth certificate in your wallet or

purse.

- Never give out personal information on the phone to someone you don’t know and who initiated the call. Often, scam artists phone unsuspecting victims pretending to be their financial services company and request information over the phone.
- Review your credit report every year to make sure there hasn’t been any new credit cards or other accounts issued (to someone other than you) and to make sure there haven’t been inquiries by people you haven’t initiated business with.

As the financial assistance program manager, Henderson stated for years she’s been trying to educate servicemembers and their families the importance of reviewing their credit report.

“I suggest soldiers should get their accounts flagged with a ‘fraud alert,’” Henderson said. “This usually means that someone can’t set up a new account in your name without the creditor calling you directly to verify the information.”

She mentioned the downside is that the person seeking credit won’t be able to get “instant

credit” at places like department stores.

“The 10 percent off merchandise the stores give you for the instant credit is not worth the hassle you’re going to have to go through to clear your name,” Henderson added.

**If it happens to you**

If you found out through a phone call from a creditor, a review of your credit, or even a visit from the police, that identity theft has occurred, the first thing to do is report the crime to the police.

It is also important to get a copy of the police report or case number because the credit card companies may ask for it to make sure a crime has actually occurred.

**Steps to take after identity theft happens**

- Immediately contact your credit card issuers, close existing accounts and get replacement cards with new account numbers. Make sure to request the old account reflect that it was “closed at consumer’s request” for credit report purposes.
- Close any accounts the thief has opened in your name. After opening new accounts, request passwords be put on those accounts. Make sure password isn’t obvious to others.
- Call the fraud units of the three credit reporting bureaus and report the theft of your credit cards. Place fraud alerts on new accounts.

Henderson said she is watching very closely the future events following the TriWest Alliance burglary including any legal ramifications that might occur.

“It is my job to take care of the people here on Fort Huachuca,” Henderson said. “I am watching everyday because I want to make sure the soldiers are well informed of their rights.

“They have a right to expect their private information, such as their medical records, are taken care of and secured. Who knows now how many people have access to that information?”

## TriWest answers questions on stolen computer info, increased security measures

BY SGT. 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS DOUG SAMPLE  
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Officials at TRICARE contractor TriWest say they’re working with Pentagon security experts to ensure the medical records and personal information of millions of beneficiaries remain safe.

Computers stolen from TriWest’s corporate office in Phoenix, Ariz., last Dec. 14 had hard drives containing the medical records of its TRICARE beneficiaries.

Records included patient medical histories, Social Security and other personal information.

“You can be assured that TriWest is coordinating with the Department of Defense to reinforce our existing security system, both physical and electronic,” a TriWest official said. “We are working diligently to ensure the integrity of the data we manage on the government’s behalf.”

In recent months, the company has been working to calm the fears that beneficiaries have had about identity theft. There have been no verified cases of any misuse of the stolen data thus far, the official said.

TriWest officials have set up a website at [www.triwest.com](http://www.triwest.com) to answer questions beneficiaries may have about the possibility of their personal information being misused. They recommended interested persons read “ID Theft: When Bad Things Happen to Your Good Name,” a Federal Trade Commission publication available in text [[www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/credit/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/credit/idtheft)].

There is also a toll free number 1-888-399-9378, where beneficiaries can call to find out if their Social Security number was part of the computer database that was stolen.

TriWest mailed letters to all affected beneficiaries in December that informed them about the incident and what to do to

help protect against the unauthorized used of their information.

Company officials also said beneficiaries and their service branches will not be affected by the theft and that TRICARE benefits, services, enrollment, and claims will continue uninterrupted.

Because all patient information stolen in the break-in was stored on backup drives, beneficiaries need not contact DEERS or the Social Security Administration about the incident, neither will beneficiaries need to fill out another enrollment form to retain benefits or continued used in TRICARE Prime.

TriWest is offering \$100,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of those responsible for the theft. Investigators are asking anyone with information to contact “Silent Witness” at 1-800-343-8477 (TIPS).



# Community Updates

## ROTC scholarship

The Army ROTC scholarship program provides financial assistance for the education and training of highly motivated young men and women who desire to be commissioned as officers in the Army after graduation from college.

Green to Gold Applications are due to the Cadet Command April 1. Maj. Slatton will give a briefing on the Green to Gold Program Friday at 11 a.m. at the Army Education Center, Bldg. 52104.

## National Health Heart Month

February is National Health Heart Month. The Health Education Resource Center located at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center will be sponsoring Healthy Heart Month.

The Pathology lab department will be offering quick cholesterol checks by a finger stick. Fasting will not necessary. This will be offered to our beneficiaries Monday- Feb. 14 from 8 - 10 a.m.

The HERC will offer blood pressure checks and a quick screening to determine if someone is at risk 7:30-11:30 a.m. each day of that week. To make an appointments to check BP or any other health education services call 533-5668.

## ASMC luncheon

Norm Warden, of United Tax, will address the Cochise Chapter of American Society of Military Comptrollers Luncheon Feb. 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the La Hacienda Community Club. He will address changes to the tax laws resulting from the Tax Acts of 2001 and 2002.

Cost for the buffet lunch is \$9 for ASMC members and \$10 for non-members. Members of the public are welcome to attend. For more information call Linda Guinter at 456-2961.

## Range Closures

Range Closures for today through Wednesday

Today - AA, AC, AD, AH, AK, AL, AM, AR, AV, T1, T1A, T2  
Friday - AA, AC, AD, AH, AK, AL, AR, AW, T1, T1A, T2  
Saturday - AB, AW, T1, T1A, T2  
Sunday - AW, AW  
Monday - AB, AU, T1, T1A, T2  
Tuesday - AM, AN, AR, T1, T1A, T2  
Wednesday - AM, T1, T1A, T2

For more information on Range Closure call Range Control at 533-7095.

## German Army meeting rescheduled

The Officer's Professional Development was originally scheduled for Feb. 21 but has now been changed to April 25 at 3 p.m. It will precede Right Arm Night in the Lake View Room of the Lakeside Centre. There will be a discussion about the German Army, its setup, transformation, and future.

For more information call Capt. John Tincher at 533-8989.

## Military police to dispose of found property

The Fort Huachuca Military Police routinely find property on the installation and retain it for safe keeping. It is the Army's objective to return to the rightful owner as many of these items as possible.

If found property is not claimed by its rightful owner within 60- days and all investigative leads have been exhausted, the installation Found Property Disposition Board will dispose of the found property in accordance with Army Regulation 190-22, and Department of Defense Regulation 4160.21.

These regulations require a "diligent effort" to determine the rightful owner of all found property before disposal takes place. The purpose of this announcement is to provide members of the Fort Huachuca Community a final opportunity to recover lost items over 60-days old.

The Military Police are currently retaining custody of over 30 bicycles, several pieces of clothing (both military and civilian), computers, cell phones, wallets and various other items.

If you or someone you know is missing property, whether it was reported to the Military Police or not, please call the Military Police Found Property Custodian at 533-3332. Callers must be able to provide an accurate and detailed description of the item in question. Property will not be released without a positive identification (via verbal description, picture, etc.).

The Found Property Disposition Board will convene 30-days after the date of this notice in order to dispose of all property retained over 60-days by the Military Police. For more information call 533-3332.

multicultural salute to women, African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Pacific Islanders, and Native Americans.

The theme is Soul Diversity: Celebrating Commonalities in Christ. Free ethnic food sampling provided by participants and our caterer, The Social Register will be provided. Join the celebration Feb. 22., 2 - 4 p.m. at the Murr Community Center. Call Chaplain Gary Dale at 533-4911 for more information.

## Cake Auction

The San Pedro Kiwanis/Just Kids Foundation hosts their 8th Annual Cake Auction Feb. 22 at the Buena High School cafeteria.

The auction will last 2 - 9 p.m. Watch Channel 7 and call in your bids or come to the high school and get involved in the live bidding action.

Homemade goodies are received beginning at 9 a.m. Judging takes place at 1 p.m., right before the auction starts. Cakes and other goodies are judged on creativeness, beauty or originality. Ribbons are awarded in the following categories: children, teens, adults, seniors (55+), public servants, service organizations and professional bakers.

Call 378-0345 for more information.

## BSEP class

The Education Center will sponsor a Basic Skills Education Program class which will run Feb. 24 - March 7.

The class will run from 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. daily with emphasis placed on English and math skills. A pre-TABE test will be administered at 7:15 a.m., the first day of class.

A post-TABE and General Technical Predictor will be given on March 6 and Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test will be administered March 7. This is a free class. Open to adult spouses also.

For more nformation, call Bob Campbell at 533-5690 or e-mail

robert.campbell@hua.army.mill.

## DAV needs drivers

The Disabled American Veterans need volunteer drivers to transport Cochise County veterans to their appointments at the VA Medical Center in Tucson. If you're interested in volunteering, call 458-5776 or visit the Main Gate house 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Scholarship program

The 2003 Scholarships for Military Children Program has started. There are \$1500 scholarships sponsored by the Defense Commissary Agency. Applications can be downloaded at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) or [www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org) or picked up at any commissary. The deadline is Feb. 20. For more information, call 533-5540.

## PX, Commissary Advisory Council

Do you have ideas or suggestions that would improve Fort Huachuca's Commissary and PX? Then come to the next meeting on Feb. 25, at 1 p.m. at the Murr Community Center in Room 3.

## Assessment Survey

The Education Center is looking for people who might be interested in taking aviation related courses. These courses will be for college credit.

Part of the curriculum will be in instruction in ground school leading to a Private Pilot License and will include flight time. For more information on this program, email Dennis Sherrod of Education Services at [Dennis.Sherrod@hua.army.mil](mailto:Dennis.Sherrod@hua.army.mil).

Include your full name, your work phone number and if you are active duty or civilian.

## Recycling materials change

Effective Feb. 29 Sierra Huachuca Association of Recycling Center will no longer be picking up recycled materials from Fort Huachuca. This will affect all cardboard recycling bins, recycling bins placed around post for use by family housing occupants, or individual organizations/tenants who periodically call SHARC to have recycled materials picked up at their office/building.

The last pickup date for Fort Huachuca is Feb. 28. The Directorate of Installation Support is in the process of researching and implementing new procedures for recycling materials. For all users who are currently using the recycling program with SHARC, call 533-1442 or email [aurelia.myers@hua.army.mil](mailto:aurelia.myers@hua.army.mil) and provide a point of contact, phone number, and building number to Rea Myers.

## Correction

In the Jan. 30 edition of *The Scout* Maj. Chris Zimmerman was misidentified in the B Troop article as Paul Zimmermann. Alos, Master Sgt. Raymond Bauldry was inadvertently listed as making the Sergeant Major promotion board.

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### Community Events Calendar

To add items to the calendar, call the Central Community Coordinator at 533-6870.

#### Cochise Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering

Friday, Saturday at 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday at 2 p.m.  
at the Buena Performing Arts Center.  
Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for active duty military and seniors and \$6 for students.

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\* The 36th Army Band will be in concert with "Swinging Woodwinds" at the Ethel Berger Center beginning at 3 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

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\* San Pedro Kiwanis meets at noon in the Crystal Room of Thunder Mountain Inn. Contact Nilda Townsend at 458-9647.  
\* Thunder Mountain Bridge Club meets at 12:30 p.m. at Thunder Mountain Inn. Call Dianna Smith at 432-3883.  
\* Fort Huachuca Accommodation School Board Meeting at the Smith Middle School library at 3:15 p.m.

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\* Ricketty Rockettes meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.  
\* Huachuca Round-Up at La Hacienda beginning at 10 a.m.  
\* National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC.  
\* Cochise Toastmasters meets at Landmark Café from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call Toni Reeves at 538-7502.  
\* Cochise Chordsmen (SPERSQA) meets at SV Methodist Church at 7 p.m.  
\* Society for Creative Anachronism meets at OYCC at 7 p.m.

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\* La Salida Del Sol Lions meet at Thunder Mountain Inn at 6:45 a.m. Call Lee at 378-1399 for details.  
\* SV Chess Club meets at Peter Piper Pizza at 7 p.m.

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\* SV Optimist Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Landmark Café. Call Robert Atkinson at 459-2711  
\* National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11a.m. at OYCC. Call 378-6605 for details.  
\* Huachuca Area Retired Teachers Association meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.  
\* Early Release for Fort Huachuca Schools. Myer, Kindergarten @ 1:20 p.m. Grades 4 & 5 @ 1:30p.m. Johnston, grades 1 - 3 @ 1:15 p.m. and Smith, Grades 6-8 @ 1:40 p.m.  
\* Army Family Team Building Level II from 5:30 - 9 p.m. at MCC. Call Karla at 533-3686 to register.

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#### Happy Valentine's Day

\* SV Parks & Leisure is hosting a Valentine Dinner Show at the Ethel Berger Center. Diner is at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8. Cost is \$20 per person (21 years & older)  
\* Rollin' Thunder Skate Park 5 - 9 p.m. for teens only. Call 533-3205 for information. Open to the public.  
\* Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details.

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\* Youth Services at Bldg. 49013 has open recreation from 1 - 8 p.m. Call 533-3205 for info.  
\* Rollin' Thunder Skate Park is open 1 - 6 p.m. Call 533-3205 for information. Open to the public.  
\* SV Parks & Leisure is hosting a Youth Basketball Bonanza Competition at the Sierra Vista Middle School. This event is open to boys and girls ages 9 - 17. Call 458-7922 for info.

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\* SV Parks & Leisure is hosting a Pool Tournament at 4:30 p.m. at the Sierra Vista Youth center. This free event is open to boys and girls ages 9 - 17. Call 458-7922 for info.

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#### President's Day -Federal Holiday- No school

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MCC = Murr Community Center

MPC = Main Post Chapel

OYCC = Oscar Yrun Community Center

Army Family Team Building classes and information at Murr Community Center, 533-3686 or 533-2330



# Best of the best; post announces civilian, servicemembers of the year

BY STAFF SGT. SHARRON STEWART  
SCOUT NEWS EDITOR

One civilian and eight servicemembers were named as Fort Huachuca’s civilian and servicemembers of the year at an awards banquet Friday. The winners were:

### NCO of the Year



Staff Sgt. Jason Murray

After leaving the Army for a year and a half and returning to active duty in May, Fort Huachuca’s noncommissioned officer of the year is Staff Sgt. Jason Murray of Company B, 304<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion. He is from Phoenix. “After Sept. 11, I knew that I wanted to rejoin,” Murray, an instructor, said. He appeared before a total of six boards before winning the post NCO of the year board. “This was a great accomplishment for me. When I rejoined the Army I set some goals. Becoming NCO of the year and getting promoted to staff sergeant were personal challenges that I set for myself,” Murray said.

### Soldier of the Year

The post soldier of the year is Spc. Steven Hildreth of Company B, 305<sup>th</sup> MI Bn. His home town is Pocatello, Idaho. He is a Spanish linguist and joined the Army because he felt the timing was right and also because he wanted to serve his country. He said appearing before the



Spc. Steven Hildreth

company soldier of the month board gave him a lot of valuable practice. “At the company level they were extremely friendly and helpful because they wanted me to succeed. In order to prepare I analyzed the feedback I received from each board because I wanted to learn from it,” Hildreth said. He also acknowledges having strong family support as being essential to helping him to succeed.

### Civilian of the Year



Elisa Rubin

The post Civilian of the Year is Elisa Rubin, a security specialist with the post Public Safety Office. “I still can’t believe it. I feel so honored,” she said. She went on to say how grateful she is that her boss nominated her. “There are a lot of workers on post who are doing great things on Fort Huachuca and in the Sierra Vista community so to win feels absolutely wonderful,” Rubin said. A former soldier who served as an administrative assistant for 11 years, she said she enjoys working with the advanced individual training soldiers.

### Drill Sergeant of the Year



Sgt. 1st Class Warren Robinson

Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Warren Robinson, Company E, 309<sup>th</sup> MI Bn., was named the drill sergeant of the year and will go on to compete for the Training and Doctrine Command Drill Sergeant of the Year competition later this year.

### Air Force NCO of the Year

The Air Force NCO of the Year is Tech Sgt. Robert Blankenship, 314 Training Squadron. He has been an instructor for 18 months and said he enjoys being able to see students come into his classroom not knowing anything about the material and leave having gained and earned knowledge and competence. He made special mention of the support of his wife Julie and his sons Matthew and Andrew. “You can’t do anything with your family’s support especially since you have to take so much time away from them in order to accomplish the mission,” Blankenship said.



Tech Sgt. Robert Blankenship

### Air Force Airman of the Year

The post Airman of the Year Senior is Senior Airman Samuel Fernandez, 314TS. He is from Tampa, Fla., and is also an instructor. He said in the Air Force it’s not unusual for an E4 to be an instructor because of how their promotion system is set up. “Teaching helps me. I get better with each class because I’m fortunate enough to be able to learn from the students. The students make the job,” Fernandez said. He went on to say he is very honored and thankful for having won. He’s currently pursuing a degree in business management and plans on applying to Officer Training School to become an officer.



Senior Airman Samuel Fernandez

### Marine of the Year

The Marine of the Year is Sgt Jason Whitesel, Marine Corps Detachment. He is an instructor and is from Port Arthur, Texas.



Sgt. Jason Whitesel

“I feel pretty honored to be selected. I’m in the company of some pretty good Marines here so being named Marine of the Year means a lot,” Whitesel, a Morse intercept instructor, said.

### Instructor of the Year

The Instructor of the Year is Capt. Remso Martinez, Company A, 304<sup>th</sup> MI Bn. “I was speechless. I was at the awards banquet when I found out. When the announcer said ‘captain’ and paused, I began clapping because I thought someone else had won,” Martinez said. “It’s such a great honor because the competition is tough, so I don’t feel that there were any losers. The instructors here are of the highest caliber so being name Instructor of the year is a great honor,” Martinez said.



Capt. Remso Martinez

### Sailor of the Year



Chief Cryptologic Technician 1st Class Ralph Hunter

The Fort Huachuca Sailor of the Year is Chief Cryptologic Technician 1st Class Ralph Hunter, who is now stationed in Pensacola, Fla. His wife Jessica accepted the award in his honor.